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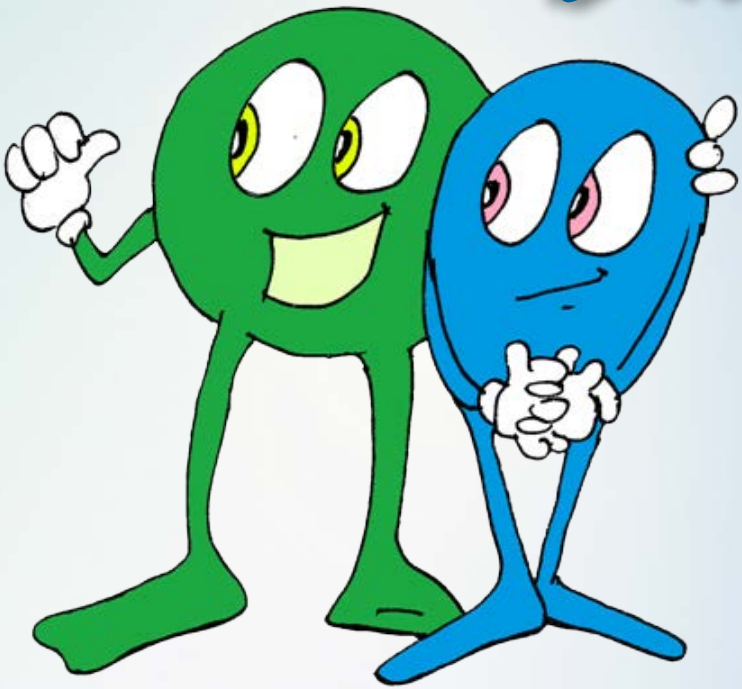

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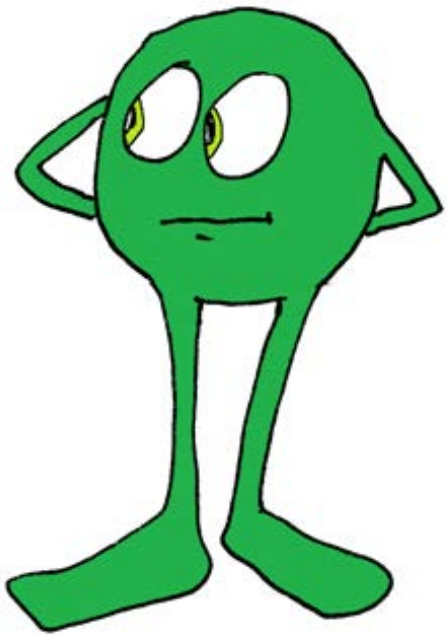
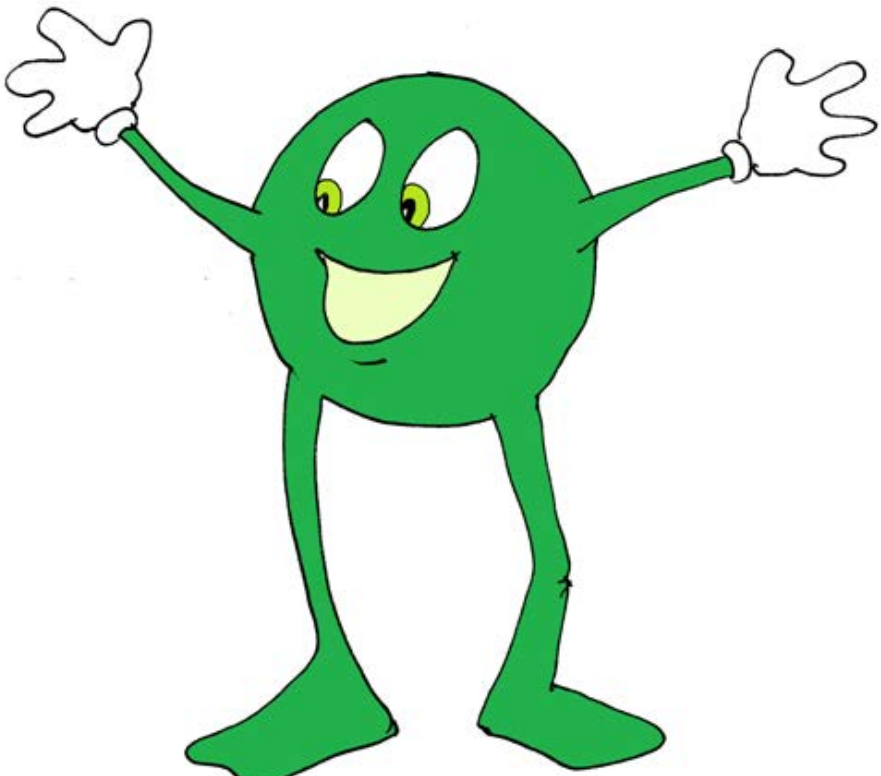
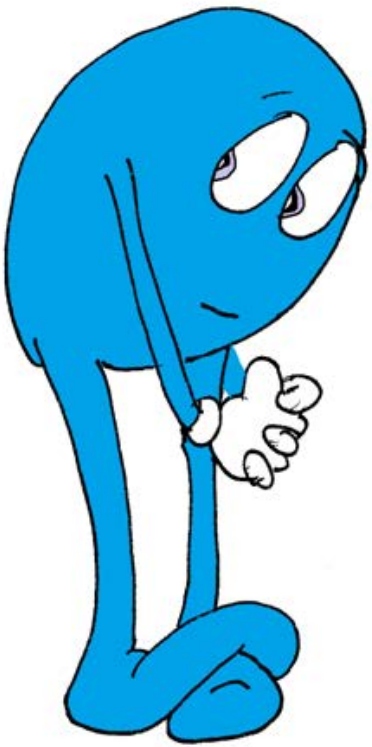


"You may not and cannot have a friend who is blue!
Find yourself someone of a different hue!
A friend who is yellow; or green like you,
is better to have, if you wish to imbue."



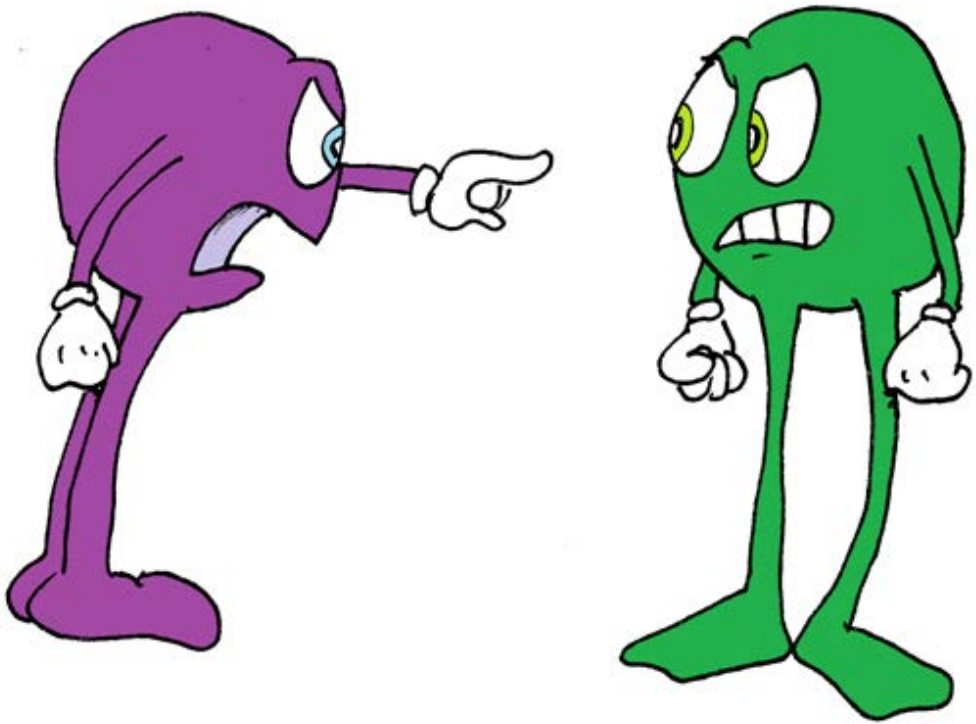
"But Blue is a person like me, just like I.

A person who lifts me to reach for the sky...

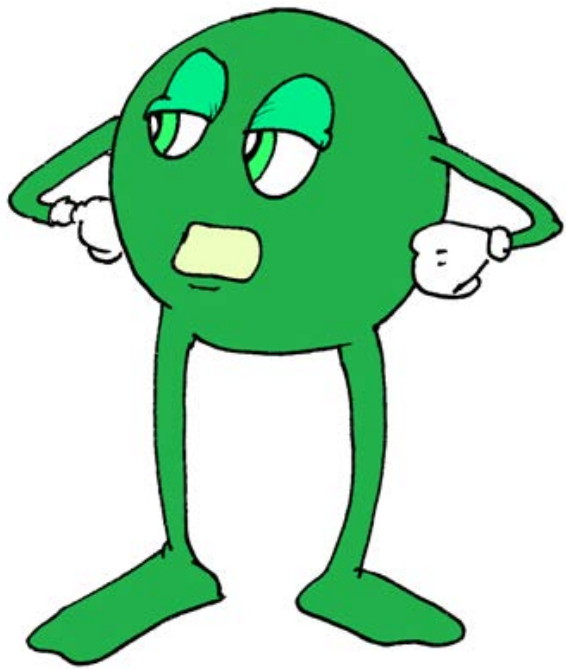


A friend in my corner, a friend at my back,

a Frend to race trains when we both get off-track."

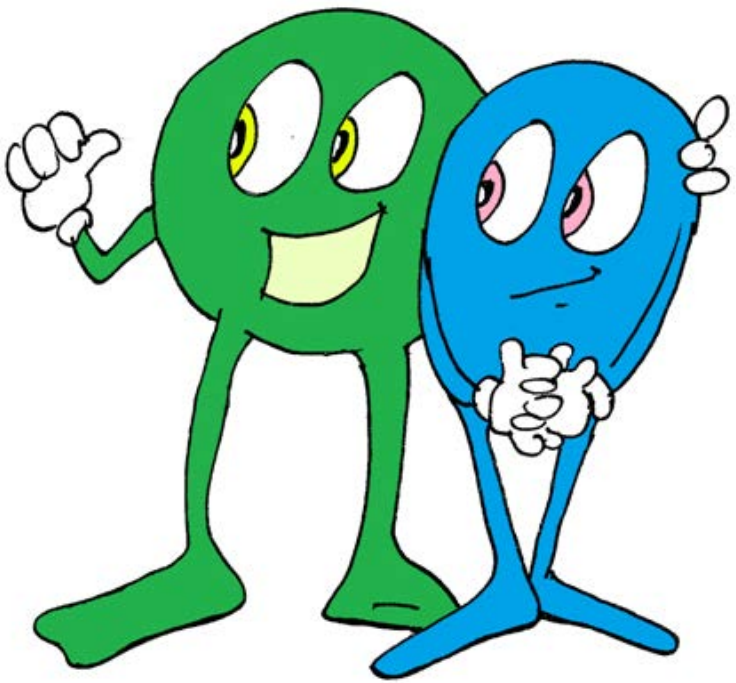


"You may have any friend,
ANY 'friend' that you choose
from all of the colours except for the blues."

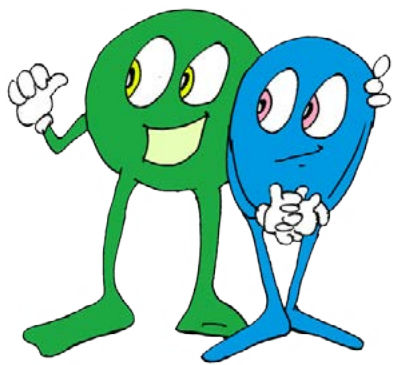


"Then here's what I opt. Here is my choice:
a Frend who allows me to use my own voice.
Though you are my friend every week every day,
you may not control everything that I say.

And so I say this, it will be my new trend:



'I choose whom I please when I choose a Frend'."



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